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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
RYUZO TOMOMATSU, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LEE, R.
SERIAL NO: 09/674,498 :
FILED: NOVEMBER 13, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1713
FOR: PROPYLENE RESIN :
COMPOSITION AND INTERIOR :
AUTOMOTIVE MEMBER COMPRISING :
THE SAME :

RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

This letter is responsive to the Official Communication mailed October 31, 2003.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims remain as 1 and 3.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,034,165 to Tomomatsu et al., are requested.

The Official Action itemizes the similarities of the properties of the composition disclosed by the applied Tomomatsu et al. U.S. patent and those of the subject claimed composition and also observe that:

The reference does not indicate the ethylene content of the p-xylene soluble fraction.

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